

is to be, and ought to be, determined upon consideration wholly apart from the merits of Canadian reciprocity.

"I am glad to say that Mr. Underwood, who introduced the farmers' free list, repudiated any such idea, but certainly it is that a number of people have assumed that unless the farmers' free list was passed at the same time, the Canadian reciprocity agreement would be an injury or unfair to the farming classes. Nothing could be further from the truth in my judgment. The Canadian reciprocity agreement will greatly aid the farming classes, both in the North and in the South. Certainly, it could have the slightest deleterious effect upon the Southern farmer, except possibly raw cotton, will be the subject of export into Canada.

Would Link the Two.

"The farmers' free list, so-called, puts the farmers' free list a number of articles used by Southern farmers, like cotton bagging and cotton ties. And I have heard it suggested, on behalf of certain Senators from the Southern States, that they could not vote for reciprocity unless it was linked in some way with the farmers' free list. It was said for them that if they could count on having the bills come up in the Senate in the same way that they had come up in the House, then they could rely on their own consciences and justify themselves to their constituents by voting for the farmers' free list at the same time they vote for reciprocity. They, therefore, propose, either before or after the bill comes into the Senate, to put an amendment on it with the farmers' free list.

"The objection to this is, first, that the farmers' free list has no relevancy at all to the Canadian reciprocity agreement because it affects imports from all the world, and is a general tariff revision having nothing whatever to do with the contract which we have made with Canada. The most serious objection is that if it is voted onto the reciprocity agreement, it will drive away from the support of the reciprocity agreement a great number of votes, enough to defeat the agreement. This ought to prove an insurmountable objection to voting a free list as an amendment to reciprocity.

Take Another Method.

"Those who are sincerely and earnestly in favor of reciprocity, and yet favor the farmers' free list, ought to be able to take some other method of vindicating themselves."

He said they would explain their vote or put themselves on record in other ways.

In closing, the President said he believed in his heart that the measure is full of benefit to the United States and all its sections, and to Canada and all her provinces.

"I could not urge you to any course," he added, "better adapted to increase your present prosperity and to add to the marvelous progress

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Quito, Ecuador, June 8.—Fire destroyed the American exhibits building here to-day.

The national exposition at Quito was held in 1909 to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the independence of Ecuador. The United States Congress appropriated \$50,000 to provide for the representation of the United States. After the close of the exhibition arrangements were made with the government of Ecuador to keep the United States pavilion open in order to give the public an opportunity to see new articles, and for the purpose of more thoroughly acquainting farmers, merchants and the consuming public with the manufactured products of the United States.

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### MERKLE DENIES STORY OF WOMAN

Declares He Knows Nothing About Murder of Harding. Search for Other Bodies.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Norfolk, Va., June 8.—Charles Merkle denies tonight the story told last night by Mrs. Minnie Murdock as to how Harry Harding was killed. The woman told a sordid story of how Merkle struck Harding over the head with an axe, and how the next night they buried him in the onion patch where the body was discovered last Monday. The police, however, are satisfied that the woman has told a true story.

Counsel for Merkle will assist the officers in searching for other bodies near the Mason Creek home, where the tragedy occurred.

Mrs. Murdock denies that she has knowledge of any other strange deaths in the vicinity of the little house of mystery behind the shore woods.

More than six months ago Forrest McGinnis disappeared from his home in Atlantic City. Five days before he vanished Mrs. Belle Ryno, of the Woman's Mission, says she saw him talking to Minnie Murdock. The officers are trying to find some further trace of McGinnis, and at the same time they will attempt to find out what became of other men in other cities who came to Norfolk after corresponding with Mrs. Murdock through matrimonial agencies.

It was stated to-day that Mrs. Murdock was well fixed financially; that she had money in three different banks in Norfolk, besides some jewelry, the Mason Creek home and other property.

In his statement to-day Merkle does not even hint that Mrs. Murdock is guilty of the murder. He says he knows nothing about it, except that he went with the woman to her home last Saturday night, and found the body on the bed, and that they buried it by the moonlight.

### MADISON SQUARE GARDEN IS SOLD

Deal, Long Rumored, Has Been Definitely Announced.

\$3,500,000 Is Paid.

New York, June 8.—Madison Square Garden, known as New York's biggest indoor arena, is to give way to a commercial building twenty-five stories high. The sale of the property to a syndicate, long rumored, was definitely announced to-day. The price paid is said to be \$3,500,000.

When the structure comes down the only place in New York suitable for exhibitions on a large scale will be removed. With it will descend the famous statue of Diana on the tower and the garden, which was the scene of the killing of Stanford White by Harry Thaw.

The new building planned will be a quadrangle, with a great court in the center.

WILL NOT BE SOLD

Denied That Wells-Fargo Is to Take Over Pacific Express Company.

New York, June 8.—Authoritative denial is made of the report that the Pacific Express Company has been or will be sold to the Wells-Fargo Express Company. The latter on August 1st is to take over the business of the Pacific Company, a Gould subsidiary, and will handle the express business of practically all the Gould lines East of Denver and El Paso. Wells-Fargo may purchase some of the Pacific Company's equipment, but does not purpose to acquire in any way any of the Gould lines, which probably will go into liquidation.

ATTACHES FOR HAMMOND

Baron Sandhurst, Lieutenant-Colonel James and Captain Soverby Appointed.

London, June 8.—King George today appointed Baron Sandhurst as civil attaché and Lieutenant-Colonel Bernard R. James, formerly British military attaché at Washington, as military attaché at Washington, as military and naval attaché, respectively, to John Hay, ambassador, while acting as the United States special ambassador at the coronation.

Baron Hamilton, of Dalzell, originally was chosen as civil attaché at Washington, but the continued illness of Earl Spencer made it necessary to continue Lord Dalzell as acting lord chamberlain to His Majesty.

RATS INVADE SCHOOL

Children and Teachers Take Refuge on Desks.

Pittsfield, Pa., June 8.—A swarm of big rats made their appearance in one of the primary school rooms here to-day and created terror, children and teachers jumping on desks and then being obliged to fight off some of the hungry rodents. Several children were slightly bitten before nearly all the rats were made aware of the unusual disturbance, and they came to the rescue with their tails raised, which spread death among the unwelcome visitors before they could make their escape. Twelve large rats were picked up dead from the room, and an investigation is being made of the premises. No trouble with rats has ever been experienced at the school prior to this.

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### RAILROAD FIGHTS FROM NEW ANGLE

(Continued From First Page.)

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Traffic Manager Warren P. Taylor, of the Richmond-Washington system, spent yesterday in Washington in connection with the petition of the Washington-Southern.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS.

Decisions Handed Down by Tribunal in Session at Wytheville.

Wytheville, Va., June 8.—The following opinions were handed down in the Supreme Court to-day:

By Judge Keith, president:

Batchelder et al. vs. Randolph. From the Circuit Court of Norfolk. Affirmed.

Security Bank of Richmond vs. Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. From the Law and Equity Court of the city of Richmond. Affirmed.

Green's and Parker's administrators vs. Mary, Auditor. From the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond. Affirmed.

Sweeney vs. Foster et al. From the Court of Law and Chancery of the city of Norfolk. Affirmed.

Fraser vs. Stokes et al. From the Circuit Court of Goochland county. Affirmed.

Lambert vs. Jenkins. From the Law and Equity Court of the city of Richmond. Affirmed.

Springs Company et al. From the Circuit Court of Culpeper county. Affirmed.

Morton's executor vs. Southern Railway Company. From the Circuit Court of Campbell county. Affirmed.

City of Portsmouth vs. Lee. From the Circuit Court of the city of Portsmouth. Reversed.

Harrison et al. vs. Clements, road commissioner, et al. From the Circuit Court of Loudoun county. Reversed.

Judge John A. Buchanan:

Newman vs. McComb. From the Circuit Court of Orange county. Affirmed.

Edmunds vs. Barrow. From the Circuit Court of Prince Edward county. Affirmed.

Saunders et al. vs. Bank of Mecklenburg et al. From the Circuit Court of Mecklenburg county. Reversed.

Gordon vs. Joyner. From the Corporation Court of the city of Newport News. Reversed.

Smiley vs. Smiley's administratrix et al. From the Circuit Court of Henrico county. Reversed.

Carson vs. Keeton and Coleman et al. From the Circuit Court of Pittsylvania county. Reversed.

By Judge George M. Harrison:

Consolvo and Cheshire vs. The Perles Company. From the Corporation Court of the city of Norfolk. Affirmed.

Alison, by, etc., vs. city of Fredericksburg. From the Corporation Court of the city of Fredericksburg. Affirmed.

Vaughan vs. Pleasanton et al. From the Circuit Court of Goochland county. Affirmed.

Norfolk Fire Insurance Corporation vs. Talley. From the Circuit Court of Loudoun county. Reversed.

Schwab vs. Washington Luna Park Company. From the Circuit Court of Alexandria county. Reversed.

Harris vs. Cary et al. From the Chancery Court of city of Richmond. Reversed.

By Judge Stafford G. Whitte:

Steeleman vs. Lafferty. From the Circuit Court of Northampton county. Reversed.

Hanson and Shell vs. Rawlings's ex-

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### ROOT AMENDMENT IS TACKLED ON BILL

Thus Hobbled, It Goes to Senate Without Recommendation.

COMMITTEE REFUSES REPORT

Three Republicans and Three Democrats Vote for Favorable Action.

Washington, June 8.—The Canadian reciprocity bill is ready for consideration by the Senate, the Finance Committee to-day having voted 10 to 4 to report the bill Tuesday without recommendation and with the Root amendment to the wood pulp to paper clause tacked on to the measure.

Senator Root's amendment provides that wood pulp, paper and board shall not be admitted free of duty into the United States from Canada, unless these products are admitted free from this country into every province of Canada. Preceding the vote to report the bill this amendment was adopted by the committee by a vote of 8 to 3, those opposing it being Senators Penrose, Cullom and McCumber, Republicans, and Stone, Williams and Kern, Democrats.

An effort to send the bill to the Senate with a report recommending the passage of the measure resulted in a vote of 8 to 3, those favoring the action being Senators Penrose, Cullom and Lodge, Republicans, and Stone, Williams and Kern, Democrats.

On a vote for an unfavorable report the result was a tie, Senator Smoot joining Senators Penrose, Cullom, Lodge, Stone, Williams and Kern in opposing this action. On the final motion, which was to report the bill as amended and without recommendation, Messrs. Penrose, Cullom, Lodge, Smoot and Gallinger, Republicans, and Stone, Bailey, Williams, Kern and Simmons, Democrats, voted in favor of, and Messrs. Hayburn, Clark, McCumber and La Follette, all Republicans, against the motion. Senator Johnson, of Maine, was not present.

Two reasons actuated the committee in waiting until next Tuesday to report the bill to the Senate. The principal one was that several members desire to present minority reports to accompany the bill, and asked for several days' time in which to prepare them. Senators Stone, Williams and Kern probably will present a report urging the passage of the bill unamended, while Senators McCumber and La Follette will make reports opposing the passage of the measure.

The second reason was that the Senate resolution providing for the direct election of Senators will be before the Senate until next Monday, the day fixed some time ago for a vote thereon.

Berger Wants Automobile.

Washington, June 8.—Representative Victor Berger, of Wisconsin, the sole Socialist in Congress, to-day caused a smile when he sought to levy on the official automobile for the Speaker of the House. The big touring car, bought by Representative Cannon presided over the House, and which was used by him, has been in gloriously shelled in a garage, where it is accumulating dust and cobwebs. Speaker Clark has no love for automobiles and declines to use the car.

Mr. Berger now has offered a resolution to place the car at the disposal of the Speaker.

OBITUARY

Miss Fannie Washington.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Bowling Green, Va., June 8.—Miss Fannie Washington, daughter of the late John Washington, died suddenly at her home near Woodstock, this morning. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Bethel Church. She is survived by three brothers and two sisters—J. B. Washington, of the county, and Walter H. and Eugene Washington, of Richmond.

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Scott.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Williamsburg, Va., June 8.—Mrs. Elizabeth Lowndes Scott, widow of B. S. Scott, and daughter of the late Colonel Benjamin S. Ewell, died in her apartments on Palace Green at an early hour this morning. She is survived by three children—R. E. Scott, of the Philippines; Mrs. R. M. Crawford, of Williamsburg; and Benjamin S. Scott, of Ewell. The funeral will take place Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. Margaret Hansford, and the body will be laid to rest in the cemetery at Williamsburg. Mrs. Scott was the daughter of a prominent family, and was the widow of a prominent family, and was the daughter of a prominent family, and was the widow of a prominent family.

Frederick H. Powell.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Anacostia, Va., June 8.—A dispatch was received here yesterday morning announcing the death of Dr. Frederick H. Powell at his home in Sioux City, Iowa, aged forty-two years. His brother, Dr. Oscar L. Powell, of Anacostia, and two sisters, Mrs. W. Le Baron Hale, of West Bend, Mo., and Mrs. S. Upshur Hopkins, of New York, had been with him for a week. They left with his remains for Anacostia Wednesday, and are expected to arrive here Saturday.

DEATHS

BRANNAN—Died, Thursday, June 8, 1911, at 12:30 P. M., at his residence, 722 North Twenty-eighth Street, WILLIAM E. BRANNAN, in the sixth year of his age.

The funeral will take place from the above residence SATURDAY MORNING, June 10, at 10 o'clock. Interment in Oakwood.

GRAVES—Died, at Norfolk, Va., June 7, 1911, JOHN GRAVES, formerly of the city of West Bend, Mo., wife, Mrs. Sarah Kelly Brannan, the son, Edward Graves, and four stepchildren—Frank, William, Marie and Margaret Brannan.

His funeral will take place on arrival of N. & W. train at 11:40 A. M. FRIDAY. Interment in Mt. Calvary.

MASON—Died, suddenly, Thursday, June 8, 1911, R. B. MASON.

Remains will be taken to Amelia on the 10:45 A. M. Southern train. Burial in the family burying ground at Clay Hill.

SCHNELENBERG—Died, at the residence of her parents, at 8:45 P. M., KATIE MARIE, in the eighteenth year of her age.

Farewell, Marie, dear. A precious one from us has gone; A voice we loved is still; A heart we want in our home; A life we never can be filled.

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WASHINGTON—Died, at her home, in Caroline county, Thursday, June 8, 9 A. M., MISS FRANCES PRYOR WASHINGTON.

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of the Committee on the District of Columbia, of which he is a member.

Will Vote Monday.

Washington, June 8.—After a speech by Senator Works, of California, urging the resolution for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people, the Senate to-day adjourned until next Monday, when, under agreement, a vote will be taken on the resolution.

Mr. Works declared that the Senate had been brought into disrepute through corrupt practices attending election of Senators, and he predicted the destruction of the United States form of government if such practices should continue.

Sugar Trust Probe In On.

Washington, June 8.—The Sugar Trust investigation by the House special committee was begun in earnest to-day when seven prominent sugar officials of the past or present were summoned by telegraph to testify before the committee. They are to appear Monday.

The men summoned were James H. Post, of the National Sugar Refining Company, of New York; Washington Thomas, Edwin F. Atkins, Charles R. Hedrick, John E. Parsons and Lowell M. Palmer, all more or less familiar with the affairs of the American Sugar Refining Company, and Adolph Segal, formerly of the Pennsylvania Refining Sugar Company, of Philadelphia.

United States District Attorney Henry A. Wile, of New York, and James M. Beck, attorney for the American Sugar Refining Company, were in consultation with the committee regarding the scope of the proposed investigation.

Urges Favorable Action.

Washington, D. C., June 8.—The proposed treaty between the United States and Nicaragua, providing for the refunding of the debt of the Central American republic, was transmitted to the Senate to-day by President Taft.

Mr. Berger now has offered a resolution to place the car at the disposal of the Speaker.

Immediate consideration of the treaty has been pending in the Senate since last session. The Nicaraguan pact, which, with the message, was read by the President in the Senate in executive session on May 10, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, which will meet to-morrow to consider both treaty documents.

In his message, President Taft dwelt upon the importance of preserving the best possible relations with the Central American republics, because of their proximity to the interoceanic canal and of this nation's natural interest in such near neighbors.

Reading the Evidence.

Washington, June 8.—Preparatory to adopting a plan of procedure, the members of the Lorimer investigating committee are reading the testimony taken by the Illinois Legislature in a recent inquiry in this case. The document is voluminous, and Chairman Dillingham said to-day that no further steps would be taken until its details had been mastered. He expressed the opinion that two or three days would be necessary for this preliminary work.

Permanent Board Proposed.

Washington, June 8.—The creation of a permanent tariff board, to be appointed by the President, but to be directly at the service of the two houses of Congress, is provided for in a bill introduced in the House to-day by Representative Littleton, of New York. The bill is the result of consultation among Democrats and with commercial organizations. It proposes a board of five members. There is no qualification that it shall be non-partisan, and the appointment of members is left to the President.

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